Learning Conversation Notes	
Name of Partner:	Date:
Tahoe Truckee Dental Health Program	5/10/06
Number of Children Served:	Ages:
Placticas: 53	Plactica:
Dortal Committee 122	Prenatal: 3 <1: 13
Dental Screening: 132	Age 1: 6
Dental Treatment: 34	Age 2: 5 Age 3: 6
	Age 4: 10
	Age 5: 10
	Dental Screening:
	Prenatal:
	∠1: Age 1:
	Age 2: 3
	Age 3: 18 Age 4: 47
	Age 5: 64
	Dental Treatment:
	Prenatal: n/a
	∠1:
	Age 1: Age 2:
	Age 3: 6
	Age 4: 8 Age 5: 20
When Served:	Gender:
November 2005 – April 2006	Plactica:
_	Girls: 25
	Boys: 25 Unknown: 3
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	Dental Screening:
	Girls: 59
	Boys: 73
	Dental Treatment:
	Girls: 13
	Boys: 21
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	Ethnicity: (0-5 children)
	Plactica: White/English: 2
	Hispanic/Spanish: 51
	Dental Screening:
	White/English: 48 Hispanic/Spanish: 84
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	Dental Treatment:
	White: 2
0	Hispanic: 32
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#### **Outcomes:**

- All children 0-5 who participate in the program will have good oral health
- All parents of children 0-5 served through the program will understand and demonstrate good oral health practices
- More dental capacity will exist locally to serve any oral health needs of children 0-5

## **Performance Measures:**

- Demographics
- Records and Pre and Post Surveys from the "Sonrisitas" Program
- Tracking and Follow Up on dental visits
- Stories with pictures
- Increase in Dental Providers serving 0-5

# What is this data telling us about achievement of outcomes?

#### Demographics:

- Numbers have increased due to effective Promotora Outreach
- High number of Prenatal and <1 participants breaking the myth that young children don't need dental care
- High number of children received dental screenings
- A lot more Anglos are being screened than participating in Placticas
- Majority of Anglos screened do not have dental problems

## 2 hr Placticas - Pre, Post Surveys (immediately following) and 3 month Post Survey:

- A higher number of 3 month post surveys this period because of Promotora follow-up phone calls
- Question #1 more people know where to find dental care
- Question #1 is the most important indicator because it supports Outcome #2 demonstrates participants know where to receive dental care
- Question #11 more people know how to get medical insurance and other resources since last reporting period
- Question #6 answers were vague so results were not as conclusive
- It's hard to interpret responses to questions and translate subjective responses to objective data
- Question #10 medical insurance usage increased because participants accessed health insurance both by learning about it and signing up for programs
- The Kings Beach Clinic has improved business processes so they can get children in for dental care in 2 months time streamlined intake to speed up process
- One participant identified a Dental Promotora as their primary resource and contact for dental health services
- Pre-test scores indicate knowledge of good oral health and might indicate that there is a segment of the population in Kings Beach that is fairly stable and shares knowledge through informal networks
- Still having a hard time measuring how participants demonstrate good oral health
- Question #5 –participants knowledge increased about changing their toothbrush every 3 months
- Question #9 100% responded that they understood that primary teeth are as important as permanent teeth
- Registration form is difficult to fill out because Spanish translation asks a slightly different question ex. instead of how you found the class it asks if you enjoyed the class
- More blank answers in the pre-test vs. the post-test not sure if participants don't understand the question or just don't know the answer
- It is possible that some of the 3 month post survey answers were lower because participants were being more honest in their answers

#### 4 Week Placticas - Pre and Post Tests:

- It appears that participants learned as much in a 2 hour Plactica as in a 4 week Plactica
- Every response but Question #10 improved
- There was a significant jump from pre-test to post-test answers
- Question #2 participants knowledge of teeth brushing schedule remained the same from pre-test to post-test
- Participant population is different which reflects a higher level of dental care knowledge in the pre-tests, ex. younger parents who may have recently received

# In what ways will we apply what we have learned from our data? Placticas:

- May want to change the survey questions to yes/no for more accurate answers
- Would like to include a question to find out if participants or their children visited a dentist after participating in a Plactica
- Explore how to better capture how participants are demonstrating good oral health
- May want to add a question about who the participants can share the dental health information with ex. Family, friend, community
- Follow-up with proper use of Flouride is needed ex. Refills, How it is taught in Placticas
- The idea of transferring oral health information by participants to other parents of children 0-5 yrs should be an intentional part of the curriculum

## Other points that were made during the conversation:

• New First 5 Demographic Tool makes interpreting the data easier

### **Next Steps:**

- Look at the "Dental Treatment by Providers other than KB Clinic" slide to assess relevance and how it connects to outcomes
- Implement the "new tool" and change the registration process (re: translation issue)
- The next Learning Conversation is scheduled for: Wed, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-1:00 (location TBA)